



**4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 9 am – 11:05 pm
ZOOM Audio Meeting

In attendance: Eli Jensen, Jaelyn Belcher, Aaron Green, Rob Nelson, Steve Reiter, David Dorum, John Souther, Brad Worsley, Adam Cooley, Anne Mottek, Tom Mackin, Randy Fuller, Melanie Colavito, Art Babbott, Neil Chapman, Tabi Bolton, Henry Provencio, Steve Rosenstock, Elvy Barton, Tayloe Dubay, Joe Miller, Greg Smith, Travis Woolley, Floyd Hardin, Keith Watkins, Cerissa Hoglander, T Bazelman, Robbin Bundrock, Victoria Payne, Joel Jurgens, Chris Jones, Amy Waltz, Tom Holl, Jay Smith, Travis Woolley, John Hamil, D Dolecheck, D Magna, Carol Covington taking minutes.

Approve minutes from the May 27, 2020 Stakeholder Group meeting — approved as presented.

Review action items from the May 27, 2020 Stakeholder Group meeting — Worsley

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Steering Committee to develop proposal for zoom meeting structure.	Worsley	Complete

Call to the Public - none

USFS Update – Henry Provencio reported that work continues to work through comments offered on the Environmental Impact Statement and developing responses. Robbin Bundrock added some detail about the development of responses to more than 2,000 comments on the EIS. They are unclear how much funding USFS will be receiving this year, which is adding to confusion for planning purposes.

USFS is working with a graduate student at NAU on a comparison study of three different tree designation methods. The focus is to determine differences with productivity, time studies, and to ascertain how well they are meeting the prescription.

RFP proposals are being reviewed with a target of awarding contracts in the fall, and no further update is available.

State Water Infrastructure Finance Authority meeting reminder – Henry Provencio reminded the group that there is an invitation on basecamp for a MS Teams meeting, about revolving funds that could be in play for forest restoration work. The conversation will focus on how to utilize the funds, marketing, and how to pay it back for continued use. He will send out the invitation again on Basecamp.

Communication Work Group Draft Newsletter – Tayloe Dubay presented the draft newsletter and asked for any comments or corrections by Friday. It will be posted on Basecamp next Monday.

Use of Zoom meeting format for future SHG meetings – Brad Worsley outlined a proposal for meeting format moving forward. He noted the efficiencies afforded by the use of Zoom platform. The suggestion is to hold face to face meetings the first meeting of each quarter. The majority of stakeholders being near the Flagstaff location, those meetings would be at the USFS site in Flagstaff. The remaining

meetings would be held via Zoom. Face to face meetings would also provide an option to participate by zoom. Whether participating by Zoom or in person, participation would count towards good standing. This format would begin in October, with the first face to face meeting. He also outlined the co-chair rotation for the coming year.

Arizona Corporation Commissioner candidates' invitation to speak July at meeting - Brad Worsley summarized the intent of this effort, being a chance for candidates to hear about 4FRI and challenges, as well as for each to share their positions. He asked the group to weigh in on whether they support the idea. There was support for inviting candidates to the July 4FRI Stakeholder group meeting. Art Babbott offered to help contact candidates with an invitation. Adam Cooley underscored that it should be clarified to candidates that the group is not in a position to offer endorsements. Joe Miller also offered to assist with invitations. Support across the board for this conversation. Henry Provencio will provide a summary of the work 4FRI is engaged in, and the challenges faced.

Briefly outlined

- Purposed is to educate candidates on the breadth of work 4FRI is involved with
- Any Arizona Corporation Commission candidate may attend
- USFS update on 4FRI successes, and its challenges
- Invite candidates to describe their positions
- Q and A – not appropriate to discuss support of any candidates in the context of this meeting.
- Make it clear that Stakeholder group will not be offering any endorsements.

CFLRP Reauthorization Update – Henry Provencio noted that the committee is going to meet to make a selection likely in August or September. The committee mentioned there is the FACA Committee. The members of the CFLRP reauthorization work group responded to the FACA committee's questions last week and did not have any follow up today.

Industry Updates

Novo Power – Brad Worsley – All is running quite well. They have 2.5 weeks of supply on hand, with concern about fire season. Working on building winter inventory. He reported the difficulty in planning for the future of the industry with so little assurance of future business and income. The June 9 2023 closing date for the facility if a sustainable future can be charted for employees and investors.

Campbell Global – Campbell Global is delivering material from two TNC SPAs. Fire restrictions are hampering operations. Forest Service has been very helpful in creating and allowing for "Load Count". This adds to operational flexibility.

New Life Forest Products – Adam Cooley reports that the Heber facilities down while a new kiln is being upgraded, along with a new truck scale and some ancillary upgrades. They hope to be up and running in July.

Gibson and Son – active

Tri Star – active

Canyon Creek – active

Injunction Update – Adam Cooley reported that the most recent update on the Notice of Intent was that resolution is in the offing, with proactive measures to protect the Mexican Spotted Owl habitats, and litigation is unlikely. Aaron Green echoed the sentiment that there is optimistic progress.

Working Group Updates

- Final Environmental Impact Statement WG – Waltz reported that the group has worked through a lot of technical items, and reflected on how useful the comments offered have been. She noted the good work of the Forest Service in addressing the comments. They are hoping to conclude

work in August.

- Industry/Biomass WG – None
- Communication WG – Dubai (see above agenda item)
- Multi-Party Monitoring Board WG – Travis Wooley reported on their work to generate feedback on the monitoring plan. John Souther extended thanks to the Board for flexibility with budget and timing. Covid 19 has impacted the way things are being accomplished.
- Comprehensive Implementation WG – Cerissa Hoglander reported that the working group is working on restoration efforts, planning and implementation.

Stakeholder Disclosures – Melanie Colavito reported that Diane Vosick is retiring and she (Melanie) will be stepping in to assume the ERI lead role for 4FRI in Diane’s stead. Joe Miller mentioned that there was a discussion in the Stakeholder Group about forming a Conservation Finance Working Group. This will be considered for the agenda Stakeholder Group in July.

Review Action Items

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Invitations to ACC candidates for July meeting	Worsley, Babbott, Miller	
2. Summary of 4FRI work and issues for July meeting	Provencio	
3. Updated meeting schedule with Oct being first in person meeting.	Covington	
4. Reminder for meeting State Water Infrastructure Finance Authority meeting tomorrow to Basecamp	Provencio	

Adjourned at 10:02 am

2020 Meeting Schedule – these dates are posted on the 4FRI website.

- AZGFD Pinetop - 7/22, 9/23, 11/18
- Coconino NF Supervisor’s office - 8/26, 10/28